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SUBJECT: KUWAIT PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS ON
BEGIN PROPOSALS FOR WEST BANK

1. ALL KUWAITI DAILIES DEC. 30 HEADLINED PRES. CARTER'S
REMARKS ON BEGIN WEST BANK PROPOSALS. AL-SIYASAH WRITES:
"CARTER: I APPROVE JORDANIAN-ISRAELI WEST BANK SOLUTION."
AL-ANBA: "CARTER: I DISAGREE WITH SADAT ON HIS INSISTENCE
ON A PALESTINIAN STATE." EDITORIALS SAME DAY ARE BITTER,
CONSIDERING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AS SHOWING TRUE AMERICAN
ANTIPATHY TO PALESTINIAN AND/OR ARAB RIGHTS. THUS AL-QABAS
ASSERTS THAT THE US "PROVES AGAIN THAT ITS PLEASANT FACE
TOWARDS THE ARABS IS ONLY A MASK, DESTROYED AT THE FIRST BLOW,"
REVEALING THE TRUE AMERICAN EXPRESSION. EDITORIALIST HOWEVER
USES INCIDENT OF US DISAGREEMENT WITH SADAT AS ARGUMENT
THAT OTHER ARABS SHOULD NOT BE MORE OUTRAGED TOWARD
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EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT THAN TOWARDS THE REAL ENEMIES OF THE ARABS:
"LET US NOT PLACE THE ERRORS OF OUR BROTHERS AS WEAPONS
IN THE HANDS OF OUR ENEMIES."

2. DEC. 31 PRESS GIVES FULL COVERAGE TO CLARIFICATIONS
OF PRESIDENT'S REMARK, INCLUDING SECRETARY VANCE'S
EXPLANATION THAT PRESIDENT WAS CAREFUL NOT TO GIVE FULL

ENDORSEMENT TO BEGIN'S PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, MOST PAPERS
GO BACK OVER THE STORY AND MAKE THE POINT THAT PRESIDENT
HAS RECONFIRMED OPPOSITION TO A PALESTINIAN STATE.
THUS EDITORIAL IN AL-WATAN CITES PRESIDENT CARTER'S
WORDS AS PROOF OF CLEAR AMERICAN ANTI-PALESTINIAN IAS
AND CONTRASTS IT WITH CLAIMS USG OFFICIALS HAVE MADE
THAT AMERICA'S ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST IS THAT OF A "CLEAN",
IMPARTIAL MEDIATOR. EDITORIAL IN AL-SIYASAH VIEWS
PRESIDENT CARTER'S DIFFERENCE WITH SADAT AS EVIDENCE THAT
USG IN FACT FEELS NO URGENT NEED TO SETTLE THE MIDDLE EAST
PROBLEM AND DRAWS THE CONCLUSION THAT USG ONLY WISHES
TO FREEZE THE PALESTINE PROBLEM AS IT IS. AL-RAI-AL-AM,
IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEW YEAR, DESCRIBES 1977 AS A YEAR
WORSE FOR THE ARABS THAN THAT IN WHICH BAGHDAD FELL TO
HULAGU OR IN WHICH THE ARABS WERE DRIVEN FROM SPAIN OR IN
WHICH ISRAEL WAS CREATED, BECAUSE 1977 WAS THE YEAR IN
WHICH SOME ARABS RECOGNIZED PALESTINE AS ISRAELI.
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